

# SECONDARY SCHOOLS- TRANSITION FROM TUDOR

Making an informed  
choice... (or preference!)



# Secondary Transfer 2026

## A guide for parents and carers of children applying to **secondary or upper schools for 2026**

**This leaflet explains how to apply for a secondary school place for children born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015 and upper schools for children born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013.**

All the information you need is available on our website [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions)

The website has full details about the application process and a school directory providing information about secondary and upper schools in Hertfordshire.

Apply online at [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions)

You should visit the website to view admissions information and apply online because:

- it is quick, easy to use and secure
- you will receive immediate confirmation that your application has been received, and you can view it at any time
- you can access your school offer before allocation letters are received
- you can accept the school place offered online.

If you do not have internet access at home, you can apply online from any Hertfordshire library.

The closing date for applications is Friday 31 October 2025.

## What happens when?

1 September 2025	Online application system opens.
September and October	Secondary and upper schools hold their open events (Details available at <a href="http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/schoolsdirectory">www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/schoolsdirectory</a> )
<b>31 October 2025</b>	<b>Deadline for applications</b>
2 December 2025	Last date to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• submit reasons for making a late application and for that application to be considered 'on time'</li><li>• notify us of a change of address and for that address to be taken into account for allocation day</li></ul> <b>Please refer to the online admission pages for more detail about these processes.</b>
30 January 2026	Last date to make a late application to be considered for allocation day.
<b>2 March 2026</b>	<b>Allocation Day.</b> School places are offered.



# KEY HEADLINES



- ▶ Stick to the dates
- ▶ Try not to listen to the social media grapevine
- ▶ HAVE A LOOK at different schools
- ▶ Remember they are PREFERENCES, not choices
- ▶ We can help with completing forms
- ▶ We can offer advice/information... but only so far...
- ▶ \*The voice of the child is important, but YOU are the parents...

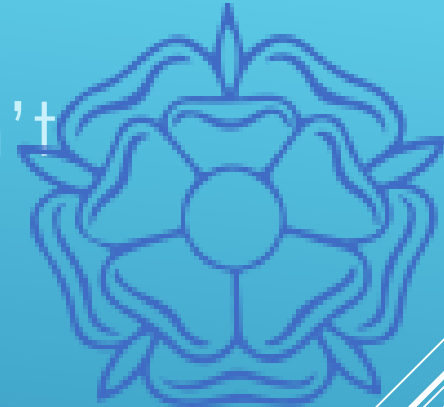
# PREFERENCES



- ▶ You've got four, use them
- ▶ Make sure you have a BANKER! Highly likely!
- ▶ Know your actual distance from the school
- ▶ Look at the criteria for each school- consider those you meet
- ▶ Put the DIFFERENT schools in the order you prefer them in

# MYTHS AND/OR MISINFORMATION...

- ▶ - 'Unless you put certain schools in first place, you won't be able to get it'
- ▶ - 'If you put the same school down more than once, it increases your chances'
- ▶ - 'I should not consider that school because it's not great with SEND'
- ▶ - 'If I only put one school down, they'll have to give it to me'
- ▶ - 'You need to be in the catchment'



# LOOK FORWARD WITH CONFIDENCE

- ▶ Secondary leaders speak positively about children from Tudor
- ▶ Tudor children are very well prepared- socially and academically
- ▶ We hear countless stories of success
- ▶ Tudor is leading the Dacorum project on 'Effective transition to secondary school' - we pledge to remain in support of children and families
  
- ▶ Some tips...

